



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Purse Snatching at College Square Shopping Center

This morning at 8:00 a.m. a purse snatching occurred in the parking lot of the College Square Shopping Center, located at the intersection of Library Avenue and Delaware Avenue, Newark. The victim parked her car on the side of the Pathmark store, and had just gotten out of the car. The suspect approached the victim from the rear as she faced her car, and forcibly removed the victim's purse from her shoulder. He was last seen running toward the back of the Pathmark.

The suspect is described as a white male, 22 to 27 years of age, 5' 9" to 6' tall, with fair skin and a thin build. He was wearing a baggy olive-green hooded sweatshirt and baggy blue jeans.

The victim, a 55 year-old female from Newark, was not injured.

Information related to this incident can be reported to Det. Scott Rieger at 302-366-7110 ext 133 or Scott.Rieger@cj.state.de.us. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, where a reward may be available. Anonymous information can also be given by texting 302NPD and your tip to TIP411.

The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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